

REMARKS

Claims 5 and 13 are now pending in the application. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Regarding the Information Disclosure Statement filed 1/30/06, the office action states: that no English abstract was provided for KR 2001-0062654; that US 2001-019807 appears to be incorrect; and that no English abstract is provided for the communication from the Korean Patent Office. Accordingly, these documents were not considered.

No English abstract is available for KR 2001-0062654. Prior to filing the subject IDS, Applicant conducted a brief investigation and discovered via espacenet.com that "US2001019807 A1" is equivalent to KR 2001-0062654. Applicant listed "US2001019807" as 2001-019807 on the PTO Form-1449, provided the date "Sept/2001" and name "Tsutomu, et al." As a concise explanation of relevance, Applicant noted in the body of the IDS that KR 2001-0062654 corresponds to US 2001-019807.

In view of the foregoing, applicant respectfully submits that sufficient information was provided for the Examiner to locate and consider US 2001-0019807. This is simply a matter of database formatting. That is, some databases save the subject document as 019807 while others save the same document as 0019807. Applicant notes that this matter is moot inasmuch as the outstanding office action cites 2001-0019807 and as such, the subject document has been considered. Further, since KR 2001-0062654 is equivalent to US 2001-0019807, KR 2001-0062654 is cumulative.

With respect to the communication from the Korean Patent Office, applicant noted in the body of the IDS that the relevance of this document is simply that it is an office action from another patent office regarding a related application. It is not necessary to consider this document inasmuch as it does not constitute prior art.

ABSTRACT

Applicant submits a replacement abstract herewith that conforms to the claims as pending. Favorable consideration of the replacement abstract is respectfully requested.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 3 and 13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Oberg (U.S. Pat. No. 3,330,252) in view of Yamada et al (U.S. Pub. No. 2001/0019807). Claim 5 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Oberg (U.S. Pat. No. 3,330,252) in view of Hirayanagi (U.S. Pat. No. 6,433,346). These rejections are respectfully traversed.

To expedite prosecution, claim 3 is cancelled.

Claims 5 and 13 call for a deposition mask with an electrode, a wiring connected to the electrode to supply a charge to a mask pattern section, and an electrostatic chucking mechanism for attracting a subject for deposition using electrostatic attraction generated in the mask pattern section. According to the claimed configuration, the subject of deposition is attracted to the mask using the electrostatic attraction generated in the mask itself.

None of the prior art discloses this feature. Although an electrode is provided in Hirayanagi, the electrode does not attract the deposition subject to the mask. Rather, the electrode of Hirayanagi attracts the reticle (mask) to the reticle chuck.


In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and withdrawal of these rejections are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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